Remarks

Claims 42 and 46 were objected to based on informalities, which were corrected as follows in the text added to claims 1 and 26, respectively: "the memory" is now recited instead of "a memory," and "the telematics functionality module" is now recited instead of "a telematics functionality module." The informalities-based objections to claims 42 and 46, therefore, no longer apply. As such, withdrawal of these objections is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-2, 4-8, 26-27, 29-33, 43-44, and 47-48 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ross et al. (U.S. Patent 5,859,628) in view of McCarthy et al. (U.S. Patent Pub. No. 20010055165).

Claims 3 and 28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ross in view of McCarthy and further in view of Poplawsky et al. (U.S. Patent Pub. No. 20020032042).

Claims 9 and 34 were rejected under 35 US.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ross in view of McCarthy and further in view of Yoshioka et al. (U.S. Patent 6,262,655).

Claim 13 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ross in view of McCarthy and further in view of Kawai (U.S. Patent Pub. No. 20020083000).

Claim 14 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ross in view of McCarthy and further in view of Namaky (U.S. Patent Pub. No. 20040227523).

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Claims 42, 45, 46, and 49 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were identified as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 1-9, 13, 14, 26-34, 43-45, and 47-49 are currently pending. Claims 1, 26, 45, and 49 are currently amended. Claims 10-12, 15-25, 35-42, and 46 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

The subject matter of claim 42 has been incorporated into claim 1, which is, therefore, now in condition for allowance.

Similarly, the subject matter of claim 46 has been incorporated into claim 26, which is, therefore, now in condition for allowance.

Claims 45 and 49 have been rewritten as independent claims, which are, therefore, now in condition for allowance.

Claims 2-9, 13, 14, 27-34, 43-44, and 47-48 properly depend upon claim 1 or claim 26 and are, therefore, also in condition for allowance.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application and issuance of a notice of allowance.

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